

EWS EXECUTIVE WINE SEMINARS

2009 California Cabernets

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The 2009 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon vintage evolved under ideal conditions until two strong storms hit the region in October. Quite simply, those who harvested before the rain made stupendous wine. For the rest, it was a mixed bag of quality.

For this exciting blind tasting, the EWS team has assembled 13 of the most successful Cabernets from the 2009 vintage for your tasting pleasure and intellectual scrutiny. All the 2009 Cabernets tasted come with great reviews and high ratings from the wine press. Our lineup includes a combination of old favorites and exciting newcomers. All the wines are from Napa Valley except Ridge "Monte Bello".

No lover of great California Cabernets will want to miss this one as we'll taste 2009's at the highest level!

Here's the thrilling lineup:

Blankiet Paradise Hills Vineyard Proprietary Red (94-97 WA, 97 IWC, 92 WS)

Colgin "IX" Estate (97 WA, 96 IWC, 94 WS)
Continuum (94 WA, 96 IWC, 94 WS)
GTS Diamond Mountain "Seaver Family Vineyards" (97 WS)
Hobel (an EWS discovery)
Lewelling "Wright" (95 WA)
Maybach "Materium" (94 WA, 94 IWC, 92 WS)
Ovid (96+ WA, 95 IWC, 95 WS)
Ramey "Pedregal Vineyard" (93-95 WA, 94 IWC, 93 WS)
Ridge "Monte Bello" (98 WA, 96 IWC, 95 WS)
Schrader Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard (95 WA, 95 WS)
Tor Kenward "Clone 6" (94 WA, 93 IWC)
Vine Hill Ranch (96 WA, 93 IWC)

Here are the results:

- 1) Ovid = 39 points
- 2) **Blankiet Estate, Proprietary Red "Paradise Hills Vineyard" = 30 points**
- 3) Schrader Beckstoffer To Kalon = 28 points
- 4) Vine Hill Ranch = 23 points
- 5) Ridge "Monte Bello" = 19 points
- 6) Colgin "IX" Estate = 15 points
- 7) Continuum = 14 points
- 8) Ramey "Pedregal Vineyard" = 14 points
- 9) Maybach "Materium" = 10 points
- 10) GTS Diamond Mountain "Seaver Family Vineyards" = 10 points
- 11) Tor Kenward "Clone 6" = 9 points
- 12) Hobel = 9 points
- 13) Lewelling "Wright" = 5 points